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UPDATED GUIDANCE FOR HOTELS, LODGING AND SHORT-TERM RENTALS WITHIN THE TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES

June 19, 2020 – On June 18, Dr. Tom Boo, Mono County Public Health Officer, rescinded the May 18 Local Health Officer Order which defined restrictions on lodging facilities within the Town of Mammoth Lakes, replacing it with an updated Order. The June 18 Order now permits Hotels, Lodging and Short-Term Rental properties within the Town of Mammoth Lakes to reopen on Friday, June 19, 2020 with modifications.

The Order directs those lodging facilities within the Town of Mammoth Lakes to adhere to the local outlined provisions, along with all State Guidelines for Hotels, Lodging and Short-Term Rentals, including the County's general business guidelines. All types of short-term lodging properties must follow the procedures for self-certification set forth on the Mono County COVID-19 Business Portal: https://coronavirus.monocounty.ca.gov/pages/businesses.

Within the Town of Mammoth Lakes, the following additional restrictions shall apply for the purpose of slowing the pace of local visitation, as Mammoth Lakes is Mono County's most densely-populated and highly-visited region, and has had the greatest rate of COVID-19 infection within the County since the inception of the pandemic.

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Hotels and Condo/Hotels

These type of lodging properties within the Town of Mammoth Lakes shall restrict occupancy levels to 75% of capacity over a 7-day period extending from Monday through Sunday of each week, and are encouraged (but not required) to maximize the number of rooms/units that are left vacant for a 24-hour period between occupancy. Reservations secured prior to June 19, 2020 may be honored, if accommodation to the guests cannot be accomplished to achieve the 75% occupancy rate. Reservations taken beginning June 19, 2020 shall be managed to not exceed the weekly 75% occupancy limit.

Short-Term Residential Rental Units

These type of lodging properties including **homes**, **condos**, **apartments**, **or time-shares**, **or similar unit** within the Town of Mammoth Lakes, shall provide a 24-hour period of vacancy between each occupancy (The State recommends between 24 and 72 hours). Reservations secured <u>prior to June 19, 2020</u> may be honored, if accommodation to the guests cannot be made to allow for the 24-hour vacancy period. Reservations taken <u>beginning June 19, 2020</u> shall provide for the 24-hour vacancy period between occupancy.

These restrictions shall remain in effect within the Town of Mammoth Lakes until September 30, 2020, or until such time as the State of California Department of Public Health no longer discourages but instead authorizes all recreational, leisure and vacation travel without restriction or caution, whichever occurs first. In addition, they will be reviewed at least every two weeks, starting July 3, 2020, as part of the review of public health metrics and data in accordance with the attestation filed for Mono County and published on May 20, 2020. The analysis of public health metrics and data may result in modifications to this Order.

For additional information regarding this order, please contact the Town of Mammoth Lakes Finance Department at (760) 965-3670 or tot@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.